

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS IN IGNORANCE.

General Barry's report concerning the deficient education of many candidates examined for admission to West Point Military Academy is interesting from more than one point of view. These young men were not taken at hazard from the mass of their fellows, nor were they merely young men of average ability. Each of them had been selected and chosen as a nominee for a cadetship. Each of them had presumably prepared for the examination he knew awaited him, says the New York World. Yet many of them disclosed a degree of ignorance concerning history and literature that could hardly be surpassed among illiterates. One of these aspirants for West Point stated that Lee and Stonewall Jackson had fought at Princeton and Trenton, another that the battle of Waterloo was fought between "Nepolian" and "Wellington." Of Mason and Dixon's line it was said it "divides Maryland from Georgia." Among the "most important writers of the nineteenth century" were included "Eller Wheeler Wilcox, Elbert Huggard, Jack London and Dorothy Dix." These young men are graduates of American schools. To them have been open from their boyhood all the advantages of public libraries and an incessant and well-high countless stream of magazines and newspapers. They surely are not dull boys nor unambitious. Their ignorance, therefore, is as discreditable to their teachers as to themselves.

The idea of reclaiming Russian swamp lands is not new. Like many other valuable ideas it sprang up in the fertile mind of Peter the Great, who built his capital in a swamp, because it was the only place he could find affording access to the sea. Peter selected the Holmogori district in the province of Archangel for raising Dutch cattle because he noticed the resemblance between the grass of Holland and that of the Holmogori district. It is now pointed out that at small expense the vast swamps in the province of Archangel can be turned into lands covered with the Holmogori grass, and that after a few years a large portion of it will be fit for raising cereals and vegetables. A systematic reclamation movement is now planned by the Russian department of agriculture.

Germany is fast becoming Americanized, according to the reports of the British consul at Munich, who notes the symptoms in altered trade methods, the greater use of advertising by business houses and the growth of luxury and restlessness in private life, says the New York World. But what will strike Americans themselves as the best evidence of American tendencies in Germany is contained in the mounting cost of living in Germany and in the imperial chancellor's suggestion that it must be accepted as part of the new conditions.

Geologists are claiming that the greatest underground river in the world flows from the Rocky mountains underneath New Mexico and Texas, emptying itself in the Gulf of Mexico. This river is thought to be in places several miles wide, and it is believed that it feeds rivers that flow upon the surface. The artesian well belt of Texas is pointed to as the up-lifting of the water from this river, often from eight hundred feet below.

A Chicago man who was arrested for kissing a girl made a plea for mercy by explaining that he was so badly under the influence of intoxicants that he didn't know whether he was kissing a girl or a horse. The judge, being unwilling to accept intoxication as an excuse, fined the offender \$25 and costs. Things are not as they used to be.

Massachusetts is preparing to put in force a law which will compel the retirement of state employees on age limit, but with a pension. Inasmuch as part of the pension fund is to be obtained from enforced contributions from these employees, based on certain percentages of their salaries, there cannot be so much objection to the plan as there might otherwise be.

Music is said to increase a cow's output of milk, but farmers who subject their cows to phonograph concerts are lacking in the milk of human kindness.

## UPHELD MISSOURI DECISION

### WESTERN ROADS TO PAY FOR GRAIN ELEVATION.

Federal Supreme Court Ends Contest Involving Commercial Interests in Southwest.

Washington, D. C.—The long contest over the power of the interstate commerce commission to prohibit railroads from paying to operators of elevators all compensation for "elevating grain in transit" was finally decided when the United States supreme court held the commission possessed no such power.

A decision was necessitated because the commission in 1908 issued an order exercising this power. The United States circuit court for Western Missouri subsequently held the order null and void because beyond the authority of the commission to issue. Probably the greatest commercial interests in the Mississippi Valley were involved in the contest. The Union Pacific and other railroads with Eastern terminals at Missouri river cities contended that unless they were permitted to pay for elevation of grain in transit they would be driven out of the business by the competition of roads that do not terminate at Missouri river cities.

Railroads with Western terminals at these cities put in a similar complaint. Elevator men, through the respective boards of trade, declared their business would be ruined by such an order.

The supreme court held that the order of the commission reducing the allowance for elevation to the cost of the service, namely three-fourths of a cent, should be allowed to stand. The court also allowed to stand the so-called Peavey order of 1909 insofar as it contained the allowance to grain shipped within ten days. Except as to these two points, the decree of the United States circuit court for Western Missouri in regard to the elevation charges was affirmed.

### OLATHE FORGER NOT A SUICIDE

Young Man Who Bought Motor Car on Bogus Check Arrested in Denver.

Olathe, Kansas.—Tour Vaught, accused of passing worthless checks, is held by the police of Denver awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Cave of Johnson county. August 28, it is charged, Vaught wrote a check for \$2,500 on the First National bank of Olathe and signed the name of Jameson Brothers, a firm of stock dealers in Olathe, and then deposited the check in the State bank at Gardner. After obtaining some funds in Gardner Vaught came to Olathe and drew checks against his deposit in the Gardner bank. He bought a motor car for \$950.

Next day he wrote a letter to the cashier of the Gardner bank that he was in Kansas City and would "walk the plank and try the old Missouri that never gave up its dead."

A former friend of Vaught recently returned to Olathe and informed Sheriff Cave that he saw the fugitive in Colorado Springs.

Street Car Manager Arrested. St. Joseph, Missouri.—A criminal court capias was issued for John H. Van Brunt, general manager of the St. Joseph Railway company charging him with furnishing free street car transportation to Dr. C. F. Byrd, county coroner.

Columbia to Entertain Alumni. Columbia, Missouri.—More than 2,500 invitations have been sent out by the sororities and fraternities at the University of Missouri to alumni in the state to attend dinners and parties here the night before the annual Missouri-Kansas football game.

### SHOT HIS WIFE BY ACCIDENT

Young Farmer Was Cleaning Gun Preparatory to Hunting Trip—Married But a Year.

Gallatin, Missouri.—Worn Wynne, a young Daviess county farmer, shot and killed his wife at their home east of Jameson. The shooting is believed to have been accidental. Mr. Wynne and his wife were alone when it occurred and neighbors who were immediately summoned found the woman dead on the kitchen floor with a fork in her hand. Wynne says he was cleaning his gun preparatory to going hunting, and his wife was busy about getting breakfast, when the gun accidentally went off and the charge of shot struck his wife, who was only a few feet away. Wynne is 19 years old, and his wife was 22. They were married one year ago and both come of good families. No trouble is known to have existed and Wynne's story of the shooting is generally believed, but the prosecuting attorney and coroner believe it best that an inquest be held.

## KILLED BY WIFE HE THREATENED

Missouri Man Had Placed Knife and Gun Under Pillow—Woman Lay Awake all Night.

Bevier, Missouri.—A night of terror for Mrs. Moses Felton ended when her husband rose from their bed and left the house. All night she had lain there almost paralyzed with fear, for under her husband's pillow were a revolver and a butcher knife with which, she was certain, he intended to kill her.

Respite from her agony of apprehension came when her husband left the house. Hastily hiding the knife and the revolver under her own pillow, she lay down again, too weak almost after the long strain upon her nerves to sit up.

A moment later her husband returned to the room. Walking up to the bed he said to her:

"You know what I told you I was going to do last night?"

Feeling certain then that he intended to kill her, Mrs. Felton says, she reached under the pillow, pulled out the revolver and fired, the bullet striking her husband in the head and killing him almost instantly.

She was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

### MOTORS TO PAY FOR GOOD ROADS

Kansas Legislature Will be Asked to Provide for Tax and Commission to Handle Funds.

Topeka, Kansas.—Topeka motorists are planning a campaign to put a state tax on motor cars for good roads purposes alone. A. A. Robinson, ex-president of the A. T. & S. F. railroad, and George W. Stansfield, president of the Topeka Motor league, are organizing Kansas motorists to ask her next legislature to provide for a motor car tax to be used for good roads work only and the establishment of a state highway commission to handle the funds and superintend the road work in the state.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, as well as several Central Western states, have laws taxing motors and applying the revenue to the improvement of public highways. The tax is graduated according to the horse power of the machine. In Iowa the rate is 40 cents a horse power. A state highway commission has charge of the improvements made and governs the use of the money. In Kansas, a city license tax is all the motor owner pays.

### NO WATER WORKS EXTENSION

Baldwin, With No Water in Sight, Defeats Proposed Bond Election.

Baldwin, Kansas.—Baldwin, the hotbed of Kansas Methodism and the seat of Baker university, voted "dry" at the recent special election. Baldwin voted on the proposition of whether the city council should call an election for the purpose of voting bonds to extend the city waterworks. The water supply has been shut off and may be shut off for several weeks to come. The reservoir which furnishes the water for the city is dry and the springs which supply the reservoir are not furnishing the water to fill it again.

### Beet Mill Starts Work.

Garden City, Kansas.—The \$1,250,000 beet sugar mill begins operations with 5,000 tons of beets in the dumps. The storm will prevent further pulling and handling of beets for some days, but the management doesn't believe it will be for long and will work on what supply it has at the mill.

### Will Irrigate His Apples.

Topeka, Kansas.—J. H. D. Bosse of Ellinwood is spending \$3,000 this fall to irrigate his 40-acre apple orchard this winter. He believes that this is the secret of sure apple crops every year. Mr. Bosse has just purchased six miles of drain tile to be laid at once through his orchard and to be used this winter for sub-irrigation.

### May Buy Water Works.

Yates Center, Kansas.—A special election will be held here to vote upon the proposition of issuing \$35,000 for the purpose of purchasing and enlarging the water works system.

### No Gas at Coffeyville.

Coffeyville, Kansas.—W. H. Shephard, treasurer of the Coffeyville Gas and Fuel company, says the gas supply is giving out rapidly and that he is powerless to prevent it. The situation is extremely critical.

### New Joint Law May Fail.

Winfield, Kansas.—The first trial under the new law making the second conviction for selling liquor a felony, resulted in the acquittal of Arthur Schmidt here although the evidence was strong.

## Youth and Age.

"The difference between youth and age was never so well put," said Rev. C. W. Penlow, in an address at an Ocean Grove beach meeting, "as by a playwright who wrote:

"Youth, which is forgiven everything, forgives itself nothing. Age, which forgives itself everything, is forgiven nothing."

## Apicultural.

Mother—Yes, Johnny, the queen bee is boss.  
Johnny—How about the presidential bee?

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